

Too Good for Drugs

High School Revised Edition

Correlated with New York Health Education Standards

Lesson One: *Graduation Day* – Goal Setting

Objectives

Following this lesson, the student will be able to:

- Identify and apply the steps for setting and reaching a personal goal
- Identify and apply the criteria for naming a reachable goal
- Apply knowledge of aptitudes and interests to goal setting
- Recognize and manage obstacles that can interfere with reaching a goal

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Family and Consumer Sciences

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- analyze abilities and interests in relation to careers, set long-term career goals, and develop a plan for progressing toward their goals
- develop job skills (e.g., communication, effective time management, problem solving, and leadership).

This is evident, for example, when students:

- identify educational needs to prepare for a chosen career
- demonstrate skills necessary to obtain and keep a job
- adjust, adapt, and improvise personal resources in response to the work environment

Lesson Two: *Who's in Charge Here?* – Decision Making

Objectives

Following this lesson, the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate the ability to apply the steps in the Decision-Making Model
- Predict the consequences of decisions on self and others
- Recognize personal responsibility for the outcomes of decisions
- Use decision-making and problem-solving skills to reach a desirable outcome
- Examine the effects of influence on decision-making

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Lesson Three: *Feelings 101* – Identifying and Managing Emotions

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Following this lesson, the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate strategies to identify and manage emotions
- Discern the emotions of others
- Demonstrate the ability to perspective take in a variety of situations
- Demonstrate ways to communicate care, consideration, and respect for self and others
- Analyze how emotions and self-awareness influence decision making
- Relate managing emotions to success in life

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Lesson Four: *Say What You Mean. Mean What You Say* – Effective Communication

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Following this lesson, the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate active listening techniques to build and maintain healthy relationships
- Recognize the role of verbal and nonverbal communication in conveying meaning and understanding
- Differentiate assertive, passive, and aggressive communication styles
- Demonstrate assertive communication techniques
- Use effective communication skills in asking for help and advocating needs
- Apply effective communication skills to collaborative efforts

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Lesson Five: *The Ties that Bind* – Bonding and Relationships

Objectives

Following this lesson, the student will be able to:

- Identify characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships
- Develop social-awareness and interpersonal skills to maintain positive relationships
- Recognize the benefits of belonging to a positive peer group
- Identify and bond with a positive peer group
- Manage one's emotions in relationships to positively influence and inspire others

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Lesson Six: *Wasted Time* – Effects of Alcohol Use

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Following this lesson, the student will be able to:

- Recognize and evaluate the influence of expectations on the decision to consume alcohol
- Identify the physical, mental, social, emotional, and legal implications of underage consumption of alcohol
- Discuss the short and long-term effects of alcohol use on the development of the teenage brain and body
- Discuss the negative effect of underage drinking on achieving goals
- Demonstrate peer-refusal skills in situations involving alcohol

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Lesson Seven: *Vaporware* – Effects of Nicotine Use on the Brain and Body

Objectives

Following this lesson, the student will be able to:

- Distinguish between advertising claims and facts about the effects of using tobacco products.
- Describe the long-term and short-term effects of using tobacco products
- Contrast perceived norms with actual prevalence of smoking
- Identify ways tobacco use can interfere with the ability to reach a goal
- Demonstrate effective peer-pressure refusal techniques in situations involving tobacco products

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- describe how to obtain health services appropriate for individual needs and how to refer friends and family members to appropriate health services or providers
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Lesson Eight: *Truth or Consequences* – Effects of Marijuana Use

Objectives

Following this lesson, the student will be able to:

- Discuss the physical, mental, social, and emotional consequences of marijuana use
- Discuss the misperceptions of marijuana and its use
- Examine the effects of marijuana on the body, particularly on brain function
- Evaluate the impact of marijuana impairment on goals, activities, and occupations
- Discuss the psychological addiction aspects of marijuana use

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Lesson Nine: *The Evidence Speaks for Itself* – Prescription, OTC, and Street Drugs

Objectives

Following this lesson, the student will be able to:

- Differentiate healthy and unhealthy risks and predict their outcomes
- Incorporate risk analysis into the Decision-Making Model
- Compare the harmful effects of abusing prescription and OTC drugs to those of street drugs
- Discuss the addictive and harmful effects of over-the-counter, prescription, street drug abuse
- Discuss the physical, psychological, social, and emotional consequences of prescription and OTC drug abuse
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Lesson Ten: *Consider the Alternative* – Alternatives to Substance Use/Course Review

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- Discuss the reasons why some teenagers choose to use drugs
- Identify healthy alternatives to drug use
- Discuss solutions for a friend with an alcohol or other drug problem
- Access school and community resources for help with alcohol or other drug problems
- Recall and practice skills and concepts learned in the course

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